

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

<b>Applicant:</b>	John Smit	<b>Examiner:</b>	D. J. Steadman
<b>Serial No.:</b>	09/743,731	<b>Art Unit:</b>	1652
<b>Filed:</b>	April 25, 2001	<b>Docket:</b>	17581
<b>For:</b>	CLEAVAGE OF CAULOBACTER PRODUCED RECOMBINANT FUSION PROTEINS	<b>Dated:</b>	June 23, 2005

**Confirmation No.:** 7587

Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.121**

Sir:

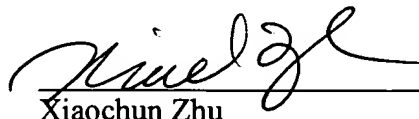
In response to the Office Action dated February 23, 2005, and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, Applicant respectfully submits the following amendment for entry in the above-identified case.

---

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.8(a)**

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P. O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on June 23, 2005.

Dated: June 23, 2005

  
Xiaochun Zhu